

There were several reasons why satellite radio initially intrigued me, the most compelling of which was the format itself. Featuring a wide array of specialized, commercial-free programming, I felt like I was in control of what I listened to.

This is in stark contrast to the abysmal "selection" I have from the radio stations in my market that offer their signals at no charge. There is a reason they are free -- you get what you pay for. I was tired of miserable talk radio, repetitive and shallow news reporting, a horrid rotation of music and the loud commercials that come every 6 minutes and last 5 minutes. "Free" radio made my hour long commute more miserable.

Satellite radio was my choice and I pay for it -- happily.

How in the world can the very "free" radio I so eagerly wanted to get away from dictate what my money should secure on a pay satellite service? They couldn't keep me as a listener and now they want the government to intervene to take away the service I chose over theirs? That's a pitiful example of free enterprise in a capitalist society.

Please do not regulate where my money goes on a satellite radio service that makes me and millions others happy. XM Satellite Radio is doing what they can to keep me happy by continuing to develop new programming that makes me more informed and educated. By trying to bring me traffic and weather reports specific to my market, they enhance their service and my opinion of its value.

I don't even have XM traffic & weather reports available in my market yet. The thing is, as ill-informed and vague as they were on "free" radio, I don't ever try and catch them anyway -- it's not worth my time to wade through commercials, loud and annoying DJs or bad music to try and catch them. "Free" radio lost me long ago. Their efforts here to make the government intervene against satellite radio will not change my mind about their low level of service.

Satellite radio is listening to their consumers and responding to their needs -- why can't "free" radio do the same? Where is their accountability?